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For: METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR WORKING A GLASS PLATE

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination,
please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously
presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

3. (Amended) The method of working a glass plate according to claim 1, wherein the glass plate is bent in a downwardly convex shape.
4. (Amended) The method of working a glass plate according to claim 1, wherein the glass plate is bent in an upwardly convex shape.
5. (Amended) The method of working a glass plate according to claim 1, wherein one surface of the glass plate is coated.

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8. (Amended) The apparatus for working a glass plate according to claim 6, wherein said transporting means is adapted to carry one glass plate into said one section and to carry out another glass plate from said one section to said other section synchronously with the carrying-in.

9. (Amended) The apparatus for working a glass plate according to claim 6, wherein said transporting means is adapted to bend the glass plate in a downwardly convex shape.

10. (Amended) The apparatus for working a glass plate according to claim 6, wherein said transporting means is adapted to bend the glass plate in an upwardly convex shape.

11. (Amended) The apparatus for working a glass plate according to claim 6, wherein said transporting means has suction means for sucking and bending the glass plate.

14. (Amended) The apparatus for working a glass plate according to claim 11, wherein said suction means has recessed portions formed by recessing portions of a holding surface which is V-shaped in the cross-sectional view in the transporting direction, so as to suck and hold the glass plate from said one surface thereof or said other surface opposing said one surface.

15. (Amended) The apparatus for working a glass plate according to claim 6, wherein said transporting means has raising/lowering means for raising or lowering the glass plate.

16. (Amended) The apparatus for working a glass plate according to claim 6, wherein one surface of the glass plate is coated.

17. (Amended) A glass-plate transporting means for use in said apparatus for working a glass plate according to claim 6, wherein said glass-plate transporting means is adapted to bend the glass plate in the concave shape in the cross-sectional view in the transporting direction and transport the glass plate from said one section to said other section.

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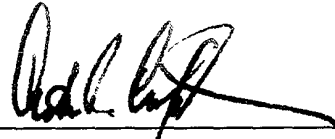
REMARKS

The above amendments are made to place the claims in a more traditional format. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS

3. (Amended) The method of working a glass plate according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the glass plate is bent in a downwardly convex shape.

4. (Amended) The method of working a glass plate according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the glass plate is bent in an upwardly convex shape.

5. (Amended) The method of working a glass plate according to [any one of claims 1 to 4] claim 1, wherein one surface of the glass plate is coated.

8. (Amended) The apparatus for working a glass plate according to claim 6 [or 7], wherein said transporting means is adapted to carry one glass plate into said one section and to carry out another glass plate from said one section to said other section synchronously with the carrying-in.

9. (Amended) The apparatus for working a glass plate according to [any one of claims 6 to 8] claim 6, wherein said transporting means is adapted to bend the glass plate in a downwardly convex shape.

10. (Amended) The apparatus for working a glass plate according to [any one of claims 6 to 8] claim 6, wherein said transporting means is adapted to bend the glass plate in an upwardly convex shape.

11. (Amended) The apparatus for working a glass plate according to [any one of claims 6 to 10] claim 6, wherein said transporting means has suction means for sucking and bending the glass plate.

14. (Amended) The apparatus for working a glass plate according to [any one of claims 11 to 13] claim 11, wherein said suction means has recessed portions formed by recessing portions of a holding surface which is V-shaped in the cross-sectional view in the transporting direction, so as to suck and hold the glass plate from said one surface thereof or said other surface opposing said one surface.

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15. (Amended) The apparatus for working a glass plate according to [any one of claims 6 to 14] claim 6, wherein said transporting means has raising/lowering means for raising or lowering the glass plate.

16. (Amended) The apparatus for working a glass plate according to [any one of claims 6 to 15] claim 6, wherein one surface of the glass plate is coated.

17. (Amended) A glass-plate transporting means for use in said apparatus for working a glass plate according to [any one of claims 6 to 16] claim 6, wherein said glass-plate transporting means is adapted to bend the glass plate in the concave shape in the cross-sectional view in the transporting direction and transport the glass plate from said one section to said other section.

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